

CIRCULATION POLICIES

LIBRARY CARDS

Residents of the city of Galesburg:

Resident cards are issued for a period of three years and are non-transferable. The first library card is free and subject to the following requirements:

A. Age 16 and Over:

- a. Applicant's signature.
- b. Unexpired current picture identification such as a driver's license or official Illinois State ID and a printed document that shows a current address in the city if identification is not current. Printed documents include, but are not limited to, personal check, telephone, gas, electric or cable bill, mail with current postmark or voter registration card.
- c. Telephone number (if listed).
- d. Date of birth.

B. Ages 5 through 15, or handicapped adults:

- a. Applicant must have a co-signer (parent, guardian, adult supervisor) who provides a signature, current identification as stated above and verifies applicant's residency, birth date and telephone number (if listed).

Non-residents:

Library privileges are extended to persons residing outside the city limits of Galesburg who pay a yearly fee determined by the Library Board of Trustees, according to the following guidelines:

1. Non-residents shall apply at the participating public library in the school district where the non-resident has his or her principle residence.
2. The non-resident fee is equal to the current library tax rate applied to the assessed valuation of the non-resident property owner's principal residence. The property owner pays the same amount for a library card that a City resident pays on comparable property within the city limits of Galesburg. The property owner shall provide a copy of the most recent tax bill for verification purposes.
3. Non-resident renters shall pay 15 percent of their monthly rent as the annual non-resident fee. The renter shall provide a current rent receipt or a cancelled rent check for verification purposes.
4. Non-resident cards are non-transferable.
5. Non-resident cards must be renewed each year.

Business owners within the city limits of Galesburg:

Library privileges are extended to persons living outside the city limits who pay property taxes on City property. A current (annual) paid property tax receipt or current lease agreement will be requested upon application for a card.

Out-of-town students:

Out-of-town students who currently reside in Galesburg and attend Knox College and Carl Sandburg College students who currently reside in areas that are not served by tax-supported public libraries are issued a “one-year” student card after showing a current school identification card. The expiration date of these cards is calculated to fall approximately 3 weeks prior to the end of the applicable spring term or the student’s final term, whichever comes first.

Reciprocal borrowers:

A resident of Illinois with a valid library card from a public library in Illinois that participates in the intersystem reciprocal borrowing covenant may use the Galesburg Public Library.

Lost or damaged cards:

If you should lose your library card, please report the loss to the Galesburg Public Library immediately. A patron is responsible for all materials, fines and fees charged against the card until its loss is reported to the library. If you have lost your library card, you will need to pay a replacement fee and show ID to get a new card. Worn or damaged cards will be replaced at no charge.

BORROWING MATERIALS

Any cardholder, regardless of age, may borrow any circulating item in the Library’s collection. Patrons are required to present their library card or photo ID when borrowing materials. Borrowing privileges may be limited or rescinded if the cardholder has overdue items, unpaid fines or fees, or have violated the library’s rules of conduct.

Loan periods and number of renewals are determined by the library director and supervisors according to demand for the material, appropriateness of use and value of the material.

[See Loan Periods Appendix]

Renewing Items:

An item may be renewed unless a hold has been placed on the item or the item’s allotted number of renewals has been exhausted. Renewals are granted for the length of the item’s loan period. Renewals are made in person at the library, by telephone, or online from the library’s website at www.galesburglibrary.org.

Borrowing limits:

Borrowing limits are determined by the library director and supervisors according to demand for the material, appropriateness of use and value of material. [See Borrowing Limits Appendix]

A. Forgetting your library card:

Patrons who forget their library card may still check out if they show identification including name and current address or have their photo in Workflows.

B. Interlibrary Loan materials:

Galesburg Public Library cardholders may request materials from other libraries. Requests may be filled through the regional library system or elsewhere in the State of Illinois. Materials from the regional system may be requested online from the library's website or in person at the library's reference or circulation desk. Materials from outside the region may be requested from the reference desk. Requests from outside the region are limited to 2 per day per library cardholder. These materials include books, periodical articles, audio visual materials and microfilm. Patrons who do not reside within Galesburg city limits with valid library cards may request items through the RSA system only.

The following policies apply:

1. There will be a processing fee of \$5.00 for out-of-state census microfilm requests in addition to whatever fee applied by the requesting libraries.
2. The Galesburg Public Library will follow the National and State Interlibrary Codes in placing these requests.
3. Copyright restrictions will be observed according to The National Commission on New Technological Uses of Copyrighted Works (CONTU), in House Report 94-1733.
4. Patrons are responsible for all interlibrary loan materials, including replacement costs for lost or damaged materials.
5. Interlibrary loan materials may be renewed at the discretion of the lending library.
6. Materials, except for special circumstances, are not borrowed from out of state libraries.
7. After patron notification, materials will be held for 5 days.

LATE FEES AND OVERDUE MATERIALS

A. Late fee schedule:

For materials returned after the due date and three day grace period, \$.10 cents per day per item for each day the library is open will be charged, not to exceed \$2.00 per item. Binge boxes returned after the due date and three day grace period will accrue \$.50 per day, not to exceed \$2.00. All books, excluding new items, are fine free. These items will accrue an overdue notice at 7 days overdue and go into lost/billing status at 21 days overdue. Once returned in good condition, there will be no remaining fee, excluding new items and AV.

B. Loss of library card privileges:

Library card privileges will be suspended until the resolution of any of the following conditions:

1. Patron has unpaid fines of \$10.00 or more.
2. Patron has not paid for a lost or damaged item.
3. Patron has one or more overdue interlibrary loan (ILL) items.
4. Patron has moved and left no forwarding address.
5. Patron has not returned or paid for missing parts within 2 weeks of notification. (See cost for minor damaged and missing parts below)

LOST OR DAMAGED MATERIALS

A. Replacement costs:

A full replacement cost will be charged for any periodicals or cataloged materials that are lost or damaged so badly that they have to be replaced. A \$5.00 processing fee is payable to the library. Replacement copies are not accepted.

B. Damaged materials:

Patrons may keep any damaged library materials if the full replacement cost has been paid. Unclaimed materials will be discarded at the discretion of the supervisor, but kept no longer than 6 months.

C. Minor damage:

1. The charge for minor damage and missing parts are applied to the appropriate patron accounts at the discretion of the library director and supervisors.

D. Continued delinquency:

A patron is referred to a collection agency when library materials with a value of \$50 or more are not returned to the library after 10 weeks. Then a \$10 collections fee is billed to the patron.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Separate policy.

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